GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4170
ANSWERED ON:21.04.2005
FIRE IN TOOFAN MAIL
Dhanaraju Dr. K.

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of fire that broke out in 3008 Dn Toofan Mail;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the loss of life and property as a result thereof;

(d) whether any inquiry has been ordered into the incident;

(e) if so, the details and findings thereof;

(f) the action taken against the erring persons/officials; and

(g) the steps taken to avoid recurrence of such incidents?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (g): A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (g) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4170 BY DR. K. DHANARAJU TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 21.04.2005 REGARDING FIRE IN TOOFAN MAIL

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. On 04.04.2005, there was a fire incident in 3008 Dn Udyan Abha Toofan Express between Darauli and Dildarnagar stations in Mughalsarai-Danapur Section of Danapur Division of East Central Railway.

(c): In this incident there was no loss to human life. However, the damage to Railway property costing approximately Rs.1 crore 40 lakh has been reported.

(d) to (f): Yes, Sir. Commissioner of Railway Safety/Eastern Circle is inquiring into this incident. Based on the recommendations of the Inquiry report of the Commissioner of Railway Safety appropriate action can be taken against the officials held responsible for the accident.

(g): To avoid recurrence of such incidents, a safety drive has been launched all over Indian Railways for prevention of carriage of gas cylinders, explosives, crackers and other inflammable articles in trains, prevention of unauthorized hawkers and vendors and use of sigris and stoves etc. by them. Checks by Railway Protection Force,Government Railway Police and ticket checking staff have also been intensified to ensure compliance of the above provisions.